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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TAKASHIMA ET AL.

Examiner

Bruce H. Hess

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10-6-05 (Election)
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-5 and 16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 6-12 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 13 and 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s)        are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on        is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No.       .
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12-5-05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

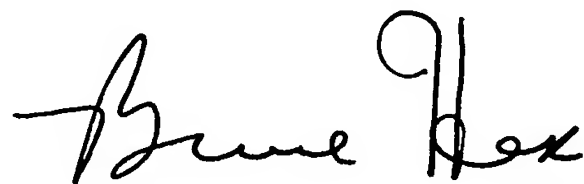
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Claims 1, 6-12 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the patent to Kudo et al. (JP 07-168293).

This patent teaches an article comprising a substrate coated with a layer that can contain a complex of applicants' compound of formula (IV), a water-soluble resin (e.g., gelatin), a cross-linking agent and particles (i.e., pigments). Since this article contains all of the applicants' claimed structural and compositional limitations, it is inherent that the prior art article would function in the manner claimed by applicants. See the machine translation at paragraphs 0044-0046, 0049 and 0073.

Claims 13 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The election requirement of the last Office action is adhered to and made final for the reasons of record. Claims 2-5 are non-elected.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Hess", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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